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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Ratcliff
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SUBJECT: Board Manual Section 16, *Guidelines for Evaluating Potentially Unstable Slopes and Landforms* – Status of review of additional items requested for inclusion

At the November 2015 Board meeting, the Board directed DNR staff to re-convene a qualified expert board manual stakeholder group to address requested items the Conservations Caucus believes are missing from Board Manual Section 16. In addition, the Board asked DNR staff to prepare a Proposal Initiation for Board approval identifying those requested items needing further review by the Adaptive Management Program.

DNR was able to convene three meetings of the board manual qualified expert stakeholder group to review and discuss two of the six requested documents for consideration for inclusion in the board manual guidance. The qualified expert group was able to review the requested guidance in the *Complex or Composite Rotational Deep-Seated Landslides* and *Methods for Deep-seated Landslide Runout Assessment* documents and they were successful in identifying and recommending for inclusion some of this material into Section 16. DNR will continue to convene the qualified expert stakeholder group to review and discuss the additional requested documents for potential inclusion in the manual section, with an anticipated approval of this material at the May Board meeting. Staff is not recommending amendments to Section 16 at this time.

A meeting with interested TFW Policy Committee stakeholders was held on January 12 to address additional concerns and remaining materials not incorporated into the manual prior to the Board's approval in November. The result of this meeting helped specify which items DNR will include in a Proposal Initiation for Board approval for review through the Adaptive Management Program.

I will be available to provide further information and answer any questions. Please feel free to contact me at 360.902.1414 or marc.ratcliff@dnr.wa.gov.

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